

The two British records have a certain interest beyond that of obviously imported insects. It is in any case remarkable that my capture as above is apparently the first known since Stephens's day; though one or two exotic *Platypus* spp. have occasionally been found here in foreign logs, etc.—e.g. *P. hintzi* Schauf. (= *penetralis* Sampson)—the present one seems not to be among them. Moreover both the captures of *P. parallelus* in this country relate to insects taken at large, and not in, on, or near known foreign timber or merchandise. Stephens's data for his *P. linearis*, as usual on the meagre side, are: "Taken near Sydenham by P. H. Desvignes, Esq." (*l.c. supra*) and "Old post: Sydenham: 6" (1839, *Man. Brit. Col.*: 206). The locality, like Blackheath, is in the suburbs of London—though then doubtless comparatively rural. Probably only a single specimen was concerned, as his description fits the male alone, but the most we can deduce with certainty is that no female occurred.

Again in the case of my specimen, no known source of exotic provenance can be suggested; certainly there was none in the garden or immediate vicinity, though, of course, the nearest Thames-side docks and wharves are not too distant for a flying insect to have come from—perhaps some three miles. Even so, a much nearer source seems far more likely.

One might speculate that such a widespread and polyphagous species must be remarkably hardy and adaptable and could possibly, therefore, breed—at least for a few generations—in the open in Britain; it is, perhaps, not out of the question that it might at some time gain a permanent footing. My capture could even be a sign that it was already happening; at all events, a sharp look-out should be kept for the beetle.

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ARCHIPS OPORANA L. (PICEANA P. & M.) NEW TO SUFFOLK.
— This large tortrix moth which is described as very local and uncommon and recorded only from Surrey, Hampshire, Dorset, Berkshire and Oxfordshire by both Meyrick and the Ray Society's "British Tortricoid Moths" was not even mentioned by the late Claude Morley in his 1937 *Memoirs of the Suffolk Naturalists' Society* which contained the latest county list of lepidoptera. I was therefore surprised when Mr. Donald Down showed me a specimen he had taken when we were collecting together in Dunwich Forest in 1974. He had the identification checked by Mr. H. C. Huggins. On 5th August, 1975 I took another specimen in the same area. These are presumably new records for Suffolk. On this latter occasion I was accompanied by Mr. B. W. Weddell and Baron Charles de Worms and our total species of macrolepidoptera recorded that evening was 120.
— H. E. CHIPPERFIELD, The Shieling, Walberswick, Suffolk, 27.i.1976.